

The Garden Path

West Trenton Garden Club Newsletter

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Officers

President: Dianne Dickinson
Vice President: Linda Reasoner
Recording Secretary: June Rosso
Treasurer: Sharon Johnson
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President's Letter

Dear Members:

After three years as your President, my term has come to an end! It is a bittersweet moment because I loved being President but it is time to do other things. Watch out!!!

Welcome to our incoming President, Camille Rainiero!

The May Meeting was incredible! Marie Wszolek set us all up with so many plants it was amazing! That was worth our membership dues by itself! Thanks go out to Anne Chmielewski, Ingrid Fair, Eileen Kaluzny and Sharon Johnson! What an outstanding series of programs we had this year!

Special thanks go out to all those who helped with the May meeting for the very creative and delicious Cinco de Mayo themed hospitality: **Terry Palise, Chair, Iliana Okum, Mimi Melassanos, Diane Sanchez and Janis Stia. Great Job!**

Our celebration this month is finally here. We will have the approval of the Budget, Installation of Officers, White Elephant Auction and our **Year End Bash** not to mention Food, with doors opening at 5PM starting at **6pm**. Details are in the newsletter. Also, don't forget that we are meeting at the **Ewing Senior Center** and have to be cleaned up and out before 9PM.

Notes: ***Ewing Garden Gate Tour Update:** June 11 is almost here! After months of planning and organizing plus weeding and designing, the big event is about to start. Helpers are still needed at all the garden stops so, please sign up. As I said, of the approximately 14 stops, we have five gardens that will be featured at the tour as well as Birmingham Park as a Point of Interest stop. The gardens are: Terry Palise's "Rose Garden", Dianne Dickinson's "What's a Poor Bug To Do? - Sustainable Garden", Ingrid Fair's "Whimsical Garden", Eileen and Jim Keenan's "Victory Garden" and Zofia Fuelner's "Happy Garden". A brochure, map, postcard and flyers are available.

President's Letter Continued

GCNJ Annual Meeting June 9, 2016. We have 12 members attending! Pat Bowker is preparing the Program and I am presenting an Educational Display. Our own Anne Chmielewski will be honored as well as David Chmielewski, Pat Bowker, Joan Naro, and Helga Fontus who will receive Individual Awards!

* Our **Spring Flower Sale** was a great success. We made about \$2000 on the sale thanks to Linda Reasoner, Linda's husband, Carl, Sharon Johnson, Pat Bowker, Janis Stia, Camille Rainiero and their helpers!!!

*The West Trenton Garden Club, Inc. **Scholarship Award** will be presented at Ewing High School on June 9 at 6PM to two deserving candidates! You are welcome to attend.

Gardening Tip: Container Gardening is a great way to fill a tough to handle space such as under a tree where the roots compete for nutrients and water. It is also very convenient for those of us with difficulty getting around due to joint or dexterity issues. So consider planting annuals and perennials, flowers and vegetables, such as those you purchased from the Spring Flower Sale, in beautiful upcycled containers. Remember the mantra: **thriller, filler and spiller!** (You can use one pot for the thriller, etc. if you want a dramatic, bold impact. Also, plant large groups of single plants for a punch.)

To follow up on my theme of "**Choices Make Changes**" (TM pending) - Nurture the young graduates this June. They are the future Environmentalists that will shape our world in a Sustainable manner. Think of it as planting a seed in the mind which will take root. "Make a Choice to Change."

For our **Anti-aging Tip** this month, try to increase your anti-inflammatory "nutriceuticals". I don't know about you, but I have felt the effects of arthritis and inflammation in my joints more and more these days especially after an afternoon in the garden...Stretching before and after a workout does help but consider foods such as organic apples rich in pectin, omega 3 fats from salmon and trout, avocados, dark berries, spinach, olive oil and green tea all of which are very helpful. These also boost the Immune system to keep us healthy while fighting disease and cancer.

As I bid you farewell as your President, I have only the best hopes for the continuance of our Great Club! Thank you for allowing me to demonstrate my passions and dreams. I cannot express how grateful I am to all of you.

Happy Gardening!



Dianne Dickinson, President

May 2, 2016 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER – TIME: 7:05 pm

WELCOME: New Members- Kay Potucek and Rob Quinn- Welcome! GUESTS??? Went around the room and introduced members.

1. **General comments:** HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Spring Flower Sale orders are set for pick up on Saturday at Linda Reasoner's home. Any receipts and invoices are due to Sharon Johnson for year close out. Scholarship forms were submitted to Ewing High.
2. **April Hospitality:** Pat Bowker, Chair, Dolores Brezak, Sharon Guiliano, Eileen Kaluzny, Alicia Magee, Linda Gerasimowicz, Susan Fair, Barbara Bernhard and Dianne Dickinson Great Job!
3. **Injury Report Update:** Joan Naro is feeling better she is out west visiting her grandchildren; June Rosso is making good progress and will be back soon. Pat Bowker's dad passed away last week.
4. **Happy Birthday Wishes – May Birthdays – Sharon Sheppard**
5. **Approval of April Meeting Minutes - Minutes recorded as read.**
 - **Treasurer Report:** \$4767.98
 - **Pass the Coffee Can: \$8.61 on bulb challenge & \$11.94 for the can.**
6. **Correspondence and Communications** – District 6 and 7 GCNJ meeting on April 28 at 10am in Princeton - Report Linda Reasoner. Linda reported that at the meeting the different clubs reported about their different projects and fundraisers. GCNJ meeting will be on June 9th 12 members will be attending. We are up for 6 awards.
7. Maggie and several other WTGC members were judges at a Junior Flower show held in Langhorne Pa. sponsored by the Philadelphia Flower Show back in April.
8. Dianne spoke about Annual Garden Tour being held in Spring Lake, NJ on June 29th members encouraged to attend for a nice day out.
9. **Committee Reports -**
 - **Awards** – Linda Reasoner; 6 award applications were submitted
 - **Bulb sale-** Sharon Johnson: no report
 - **Poinsettias** – Terry Palise and Janis Stia: no report
 - **Spring Flower Sale** - Linda Reasoner: the flowers will be delivered to her home on Saturday May 7th. Please pick your flowers up between 12pm – 4pm. This is the last year Linda will be chairing this project looking for a new chairperson.
 - **Civic & library arrangements** – Sharon Guiliano: flower arrangements are stunning as always. Thank you to all the members that have shared their talent with the community.
 - **Drumthwacket** - Dianne Dickinson: the governor's wife will be giving money to each group who participates in decorating a room. We should think about doing this project again. We will need a new chairperson.
 - **Environmental** –Karla Robinson: no report
 - **Flower show** –Pat Bowker: no report

Minutes Continued

- **Garden therapy** – Devah Brinker: Devah has a project planned over at the Ewing Community Senior Center with the seniors to build raised herb garden beds in outside the main mtg room where the kitchen is.
- **Horticulture** – Judy Bubar: spoke about patchy pachcasandra
- **Hospitality** – Joan Naro and Pat Bowker: new sign up list will be available at the June mtg. Thank you to all the members who did such a great job this year.
- **Mini-trips** – Camille Rainiero and Helga Fontus: no report
- **Morven-** Gerree Pecht: the project will be done again this year
- **Newsletter** – Mary Pat Voorhees & Carol Bozarth: no report
- **Programs** – Anne Chmielewski, Eileen Kaluzny, Ingrid Fair: no report
- **Publicity** – June Rosso: no report
- **Random acts of beauty** – Eileen Kaluzny and Dolores Brezak: no report
- **Remembrance** - Carolyn Kane: will send Pat Bowker a card
- **By- Laws** – Carolyn Kane: no report
- **Nominating** – Anna Adomaitis *Voting Tonight* Installation at the June Meeting: names of nominees were read and a unanimous ballot was cast.
- **Birmingham Park** - Anniversary Celebration – Dianne announced she will take over this wonderful project. Thank you Dianne
- **Topiary Workshop** - Anne Chmielewski: no report

10. Old Business

Preparations for the Birmingham Park's Anniversary and Ewing Garden Tour. The WTGC is sponsoring 6 gardens for the tour. Ingrid Fair (Whimsical Garden), Dianne (Sustainable Garden), Terri P (Rose Garden), Sophia (Happy Garden), Kieran's (Victory Garden) & Our Birmingham Park

11. Maggie spoke about a new project "Gardening & Greening" sponsored by the Delaware Valley Horticulture Society. Looking for gardens and judges. Deadline for judges is 6/15 & judging occurs 7/1 – 8, 2016.

12. New Business

- **Next Board Meeting Monday, May 9, 7PM ***Ewing Library Room #1*** – Dianne Dickinson for June Rosso –RSVP to Dianne - Agenda items to Linda -All are welcome - We will be discussing and preparing the Budget for 2016-2017.**
- **Grace Starrett – woman whom we sent get well cards last month has passed away from the injuries she sustained in her home invasion. Our thought and prayers are with her family.**
- **Please take the gardening books on the back table home and give them a new**

Minutes Continued

- **Ewing Garden Gate Tour - Plans with the Ewing Green Team and Girl Scout Troop 70138 - Plans are underway- Date is set for June 11 - 10-5PM 5 WTGC Gardens: Terry Palise's "Rose Garden", Dianne Dickinson's "Sustainable Garden", Ingrid Fair's "Tranquility Garden", Eileen and Jim Keenan's "Victory Garden" and Zofia Fuelner's "Garden Get Away". There will be around 20 diverse gardens in total from meadows to water to traditional to eclectic on display from the area with the Ewing Green Team**



**2016 Annual Celebration
And Installation of Officers
June 6, 2016**


NEW LOCATION **EWING SENIOR CENTER**
999 LOWER FERRY ROAD


Doors open at 5pm
Meeting begins at 6pm


Monday June 6, 2016 is our annual member party and "Installation of Officers". This meeting is a fun filled night with a hors d'oeuvre and dessert buffet, the installation, mini-design contest, awards and, of course the ever--popular "white elephant" auction Member will also be voting on our annual budget.


Please remember the **celebration starts at 6:00pm** so arrive early enough to drop off your dessert or hors d'oeuvre, your place setting and white elephant donation. **Doors open at 5:00pm** and we must close by 9 pm.



What to bring?

 Bring your appetizer or dessert with a serving utensil. (You signed up for one or the other at the May meeting).

 Bring your place setting (if you don't bring a place setting, there will be some small paper plates available.)

 Bring a small flower arrangement to compliment your place setting. All place settings with arrangements will be informally judged for best interpretation of theme in the one of the four following categories (1.Traditional/Antique; 2.Patriotic; 3.Ladybugs; or 4.Modern/Whimsical.)

 Bring a treasure or treasures (limit of 2 items) to donate with an original value of at least \$5.00. The auction is one of our club fundraisers, so everyone is expected to participate. NOTE: The "White Elephant" Raffle Tickets will be \$5 for a sheet. We will also have the 50/50 at our usual cost of \$1 a chance or 3 chances for \$2.

 **Hope to see everyone there.** 



Celebrating Birthdays

Helga Fontus—June 1

Dianne Fay Dickinson—June 7

Patsy Pocsik-Varra—June 10

June 6: WTGC _____GC

Program: “Annual WTGC Year-End Bash & Installation of Officers” at the Ewing Senior Center, 999 Lower Ferry Road.

June 9: GCNJ Annual Meeting-9:15am at the Bridgewater Marriott—Open to all Members

June 14: Flag Day!

June 19: Happy Father’s Day!

June 20: GCNJ Board Meeting – 10am –Holy House.

June Member Responsibilities

Flowers for Ewing Library: **Eileen Keenan**
Hospitality Committee Chair: **Anne Chmielewski**

Pat Bowker

David Chmielewski

Ingrid Fair

June Miller

Volunteers needed for setup.

Newsletter Deadline: Submit all information for The Garden Path to Mary Pat Voorhees (sistermaripat@hotmail.com) no later than the 15th of the month. Thank you!

